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Mail Stop Amendment

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2008.

Initially, although the Office Action Summary page indicates that claims 1-3, 5-15 and 17-21 are pending in the application, the pending claims are in fact claims 1-3 and 5-21. These claims are set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application papers on June 9, 2006.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Applicants' election of the Group I subject matter was an "election with traverse". This is incorrect. The Response to Restriction Requirement filed October 26, 2007 does not include traversal of the restriction requirement.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth in item 5 on page 3 of the Office Action includes claims 7 and 9. However, Applicants note that claim 9 is included

among the allowed claims in item 6; and item 7 indicates that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the double patenting rejection, Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, which is effective to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, each of the grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

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